



# California Public Utilities Commission

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## Media Advisory

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### **PUC TO HOLD COMMUNITY FORUM REGARDING RAILROAD SAFETY**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21, 2005 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC), working with Senator Soto, Senator Dutton, and Assembly Member Baca, is holding a community forum in San Bernardino to address railroad accidents that have occurred in the Inland Empire.

**WHEN:** Friday, June 24, 2005, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** City Council Chambers, 300 North D St., San Bernardino

**WHO:** Elected officials, state and community representatives, railroad operators, and the public – please see draft agenda below.

**WHY:** This community forum is an opportunity for important stakeholders to come together and address the shared concern for the safety of residents living along railroad right of ways.

If special arrangements are needed, such as sign and foreign language interpreters, please contact the PUC Public Advisor's Office at 415-703-2074 or toll free 1-866-849-8390 or TTY 415-703-5282 or 1-866-836-7825, or by e-mail at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov).

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**“Rail Safety and Our Communities”**  
**An Inland Empire Community Forum**  
**City Council Chambers – 300 North D Street, San Bernardino, CA**  
**Friday - June 24, 2005**  
***DRAFT Agenda***

- 9:30            Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Nell Soto, Senator, 32<sup>nd</sup> District
- Bob Dutton, Senator, 31<sup>st</sup> District
- Joe Baca, Jr., Assemblymember, 62<sup>nd</sup> District
- Joe Baca, Congressional Representative, 43<sup>rd</sup> District
- Gloria Negrete-McLeod, Assemblymember, 61<sup>st</sup> District
- Dian Grueneich, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission
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- 10:00            Overview of Challenges and Concerns
- California Public Utilities Commission
- Steve Larson, Executive Director
- Local Government Officials
- Ty Schuiling, Director of Planning and Programming,  
                 San Bernardino Association of Governments
- Bill Clayton, School Safety Officer, San Bernardino City Unified School  
                 District
- Charles E. Skaggs, Board President, Rialto Unified School District
- Eric Haley, Executive Director, Riverside County Transportation Commission
- Community Representatives
- Father Patricio Guillen, Executive Director, Libreria del Pueblo
- Walt Hawkins, Inland Empire Black Community Coalition
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- 10:45            First Responders
- Peter Hills, Fire Chief/County Fire Warden, San Bernardino County Fire  
                 Department
- Howard Bennett, Commander, City of San Bernardino
- Rodney Hoops, Deputy Chief, San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department

Lt. Nedra "Diane" Holmes, Western District Commander, San Bernardino City Police Department

Sgt. Keith Prostler, San Bernardino City Police Department

Denise Benson, Division Manager, San Bernardino County Fire Department - Office of Emergency Services

Bob Green, Chief, California Department of Forestry

#### Labor Representatives

James P. Jones, State Legislative Director, United Transportation Union

Timothy Smith, Chairman, State Legislative Board, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen

#### 11:30 Railroad Operations

Ted Lewis, General Director, Operating Practices, Union Pacific Railroad

Ken Sito, General Director, Engineering, Union Pacific Railroad

Robert Bovee, General Director, Hazardous Materials

Michael Shirclif, Regional General Manager, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation

#### 12:15 Federal Regulation: Federal Railroad Administration

Alvin Settje, Regional Administrator

#### State Regulation: California Public Utilities Commission

Steve Larson, Executive Director

Richard Clark, Director Consumer Protection and Safety Division

#### 1:00 Public Comment

#### 1:30 Closing Remarks

We appreciate the City of San Bernardino's support in broadcasting this hearing live.